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The Newsletter for the Third Taxing District Electric Department

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Independence!

Restitution Ordered Paid to District



On June 14, the State Elections Enforcement Commission ordered former Commissioner Carol D. Nichols to make restitution to the Third Taxing District for money that she improperly used in seeking re-election. The action against Ms. Nichols commenced with a complaint filed by Peter Torrano on behalf of Stephen Feinstein. The State Election Enforcement Commission found Ms. Nichols used *The Word From The 3rd*, a monthly newsletter written by her husband Bill Nichols and paid for by the ratepayers of East Norwalk, to attempt re-election. Ms. Nichols was defeated in the City primary and general election by Stephen M. Feinstein, who now serves as your vice chairman. The use of public funds by an incumbent in seeking re-election violates State law. The Election Enforcement Commission ruled that money paid by the ratepayers that covers the cost of printing and mailing of the newsletters is public funds. Ms. Nichols contested the complaint of Mr. Torrano, but did not appear at the hearing before the State Election Enforcement Commission on April 5, 2000. Mr. Torrano, Commissioner Feinstein, and Ronald Scofield of the district office appeared and testified on behalf of the State of Connecticut. At the hearing, Ms. Nichols' attorney stated that the Nichols were no longer planning to be involved in politics. In addition to ordering Ms. Nichols to make full restitution for the money improperly used, a fine was levied against her. This ruling, as with all State information, can be found at the State of Connecticut's official website, www.state.ct.us.



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Upcoming Events

- July 3 City Fireworks
 - July 4 Independence Day!
 - July 9 Concert
Norwalk Green
3 – 5
 - July 17 Commission Meeting
7:00 Eunice
VanZilen Room
- July 23 Concert
Norwalk Green
3 – 5

East Norwalk Beautification Committee

The newly formed East Norwalk Beautification Committee held its first meeting on March 30, 2000 at the Eunice Van Zilen Room. Michelle Beyman was elected as Chairperson of the committee. Jean Bell accepted the duties of secretary.

The Committee has been extremely active. Chairperson Beyman is gratified that the Gardella family is taking an active role in beautifying the Cove Marina area. The extensive landscape design can be observed by every visitor to the beach. An article highlighting the effort was featured in the *Hour*.

Community outreach is a main goal of the committee. Do you know of an area of our community that attention should be drawn to? Have any of your neighbors paid particular attention to their yards or neighborhood and should be recognized for their extra effort? The committee would like to know. Pride in East Norwalk is contagious. Working together, East Norwalk can remain the most desirable location in the city.

I AM EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT AS A RESULT OF MY COMPLAINT ON BEHALF OF STEPHEN FEINSTEIN THE RATEPAYERS OF THE THIRD TAXING DISTRICT WERE MADE WHOLE FOR THEIR LOSS THROUGH THE ILLEGAL ACTIONS OF MRS. NICHOLS AND HER HUSBAND, BILL NICHOLS.

— PETER K. TORRANO, COMMON COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FROM DISTRICT C DISCUSSING THE RESULTS OF THE FINDINGS OF THE STATE ELECTION ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION AGAINST FORMER COMMISSION MEMBER CAROL D. NICHOLS.



Fantastic!!

Congratulations to Sarah Dobbs of Ludlow Manor. Sarah is the valedictorian for Norwalk High School class of 2000. She is the daughter of Jim and Petra Dobbs. Sarah is a lifelong resident of East Norwalk. She attended Columbus Magnet School, Nathan Hale and then Norwalk High School. Sarah swam for the Zeus Swim Club during her years at Norwalk High. Sarah's brother David is currently attending Norwalk High school. We are all proud of Sarah and her accomplishments!

District News

Your Public Power Utility

As reported in the "Public Power Daily", a June report of the American Public Power Association (APPA) found that public power utilities (such as The Third Taxing District Electric Department) charge less for electricity than investor-owned utilities (such as CL&P or United Illuminating) because they are not-for-profit and efficient. Investor-owned utility rates in 1998 were 12% to 14% higher than those of

publicly owned electric systems, the report says.

An additional benefit of a public power utility is that ratepayer money is used to their benefit. In the Third Taxing District, ratepayer money is used to fund the library on VanZant Street, maintain the firehouse, historical cemetery, Marvin School Technology Cadre, and various parks throughout East Norwalk. **Public Power is an American Tradition that Works!**

East Norwalk Improvement Association

Concerts Underway

The summer concert series is underway! The opening day of the concert series featured the big band sounds of the Fairfield Counts. The concert was at the beach and well attended. The band was introduced by Commissioner Feinstein. On June 14th the Third Taxing District, in conjunction with the First Taxing District held a Flag Day parade and concert on the green. Marchers included the Nash Marching Band, West Rocks Middle School Marching band, Mayor Esposito, Commissioner Feinstein, Representative Knopp.

The parade was lead by a color guard ably directed by Dep. Chief Anderson. The concert featured the singing of Victor Tenore, general manager of the Third Taxing District Electric Department.

Upcoming concerts are as follows:

July 9 at the green
July 23 at the green
August 13 at the green
August 27 at the beach

Enjoy another benefit provided to you from your community owned utility company.